Productionizing predictive models

Code breakfast

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About me

- Background in computer science and computational biology (TU Delft)
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- Machine learning engineer at GDD



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About you



This breakfast

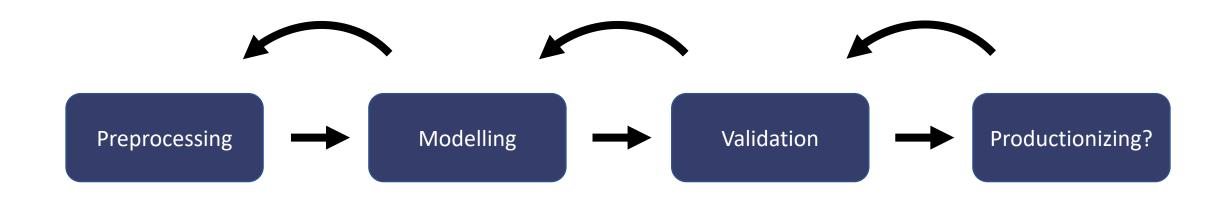
- ~15 minutes introduction
- ~1-1,5 hours hackathon / demo
- ~15 minutes wrap-up
- Plan to finish around 10:00



The machine learning process



The machine learning process



Exploring and cleaning the data

~60% effort

Picking the right model

~10% effort

Validating if the model solves the problem

~30% effort

Getting the model where it can be used

100-???% effort



Productionizing ML models



What is productionizing?



Productionizing

Goal – convert model into a (standard)
 format that can be run in production

- How depends on the production environment
 - Re-write code into a (production-quality) library
 - Wrap in an API for interfacing with other components



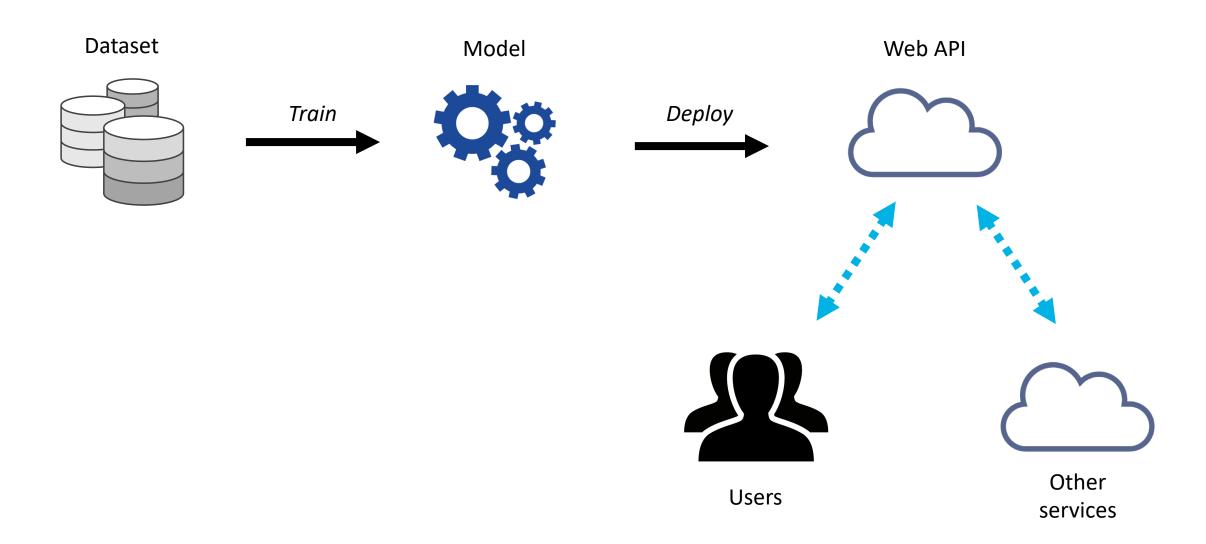
Productionizing

- Follow best practices
 - Version control
 - Code quality checks, unit testing
 - Logging / monitoring

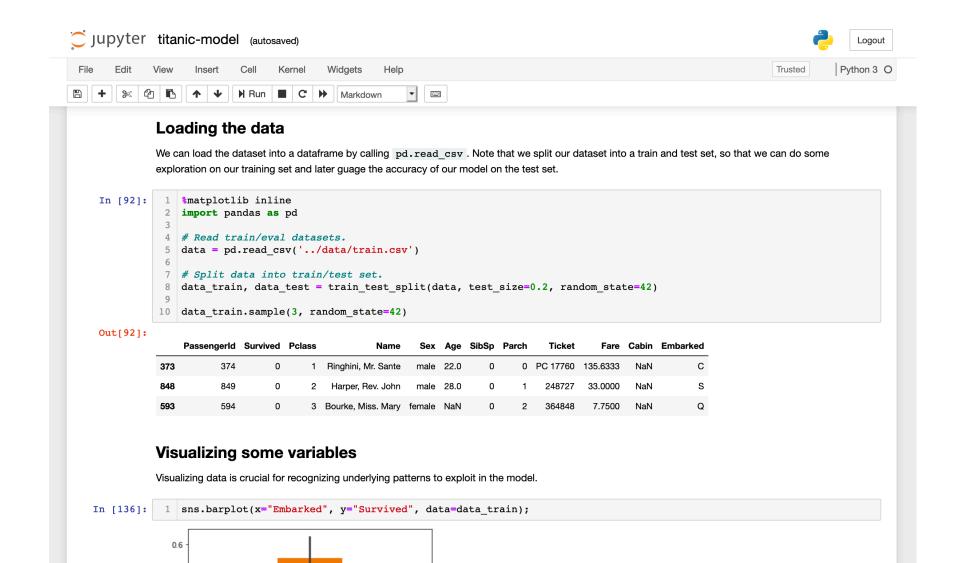
- Consider deployment patterns
 - How will the model learn and predict?
 - What will we expose to the outside world?



Example: web-based API



However, many models look like this





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How do we move this into production?

- Start building a Python package
 - Isolate main components, move these into modules
 - Identify building blocks -> make reusable functions/classes
- Improve code quality
 - Implement quality checks (pylint) and tests (pytest)
 - Document code (docstrings) and package (readme, etc.)
- Wrap model in an API (Python, Flask)



Hackathon

- Background
 - Client interested in upselling cruise ship tickets
 - Noticed that in the titanic disaster, people in higher ticket classes had a higher chance of survival
 - Would like to present this information during the booking process to sell more 1st class tickets



Hackathon

- Scenario
 - Data scientist has created a model predicted survival probabilities based on the titanic dataset
 - We have been asked to move his/her notebook into production
- Goal build a documented + tested Python package that exposes the model as a web API



Hackathon

- Getting started
 - Clone our Github repo at https://bit.ly/2ZpNqS4, read the README
 - Setup a clean Python environment and install the packages in notebook/requirements.txt
 - Try running the notebook and see if you understand its contents
- Afterwards continue with the Step 2 (see readme)

